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FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO BANGKOK, PARIS,
UDORN, DIA, CDR USSAG NKP, CINCPAC FROM VIENTIANE 15 MAY.

QUOTE: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE VIENTIANE 3367

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SUBJECT: STATUS OF USG EMPLOYEES IN SAVANNAKHET

REF: VIENTIANE 3323

1. USAID AREA COORDINATOR IN SAVANNAKHET SANFORD STONE
WAS ABLE TO MAKE RADIO CALL TO ACTING USAID DIRECTOR RAMSEY
AT 1145 HOURS LOCAL. HE WAS EVIDENTLY USING RADIO AT HIS
RESIDENCE AND CLEARLY HAD DEMONSTRATORS WITH HIM; HE STATED
AT OUTSET THAT HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS
AND WOULD ONLY BE ABLE TO RECEIVE SUBSEQUENT COMMUNICATIONS
FROM VIENTIANE 3IF STUDENTS AGREE."

2. STONE REPORTED THAT ALL AMERICANS IN SAVANNAKHET ARE
SAFE BUT ARE OBLIGED FOR TIME BEING TO REMAIN IN THEIR
HOUSES. LOCAL EMPLOYEES HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED NOT TO
VISIT THE AMERICANS "SO THERE WILL BE NO MISUNDERSTANDINGS."

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3. STONE ASKED SPECIFICALLY THAT DEPARTMENT NOTIFY STATESIDE RELATIVES OF AMERICANS IN SAVANNAKHET THAT THEY ARE SAFE AND WELL.

4. COMMENT: IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER "HOUSE ARREST" CONDITIONS APPLY ONLY TO STONE, DANIEL STER AND CHARLES PEARCY, THE THREE WHO WERE DETAINED YESTERDAY, OR TO ALL AMERICANS WHO REMAIN IN SAVANNAKHET. IN ANY EVENT, WE REQUEST THAT DEPARTMENT NOTIFY LISTED RELATIVES OF ALL CONCERNED. OTHER AMERICAN EMPLOYEES ARE: PETER S. FLYNN; CLEMENT P. LITVINAS; JOHN TUCKER; AND RM CHRIS NOTTINGHAM (IVS). (DEPENDENTS STILL IN SAVANNAKHET ARE MRS. STONE AND CHILD; MRS. FLYNN; MRS. LITVINAS AND MRS. PEARCY. STER'S DEPENDENTS WERE MOVED TO VIENTIANE MORNING MAY 14. ALSO IN SAVANNAKHET, AND PRESUMABLY SAFE AS WELL, IS IVS VOLUNTEER MICHAEL N. CLARK, A BRITISH SUBJECT.)

5. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT TO NOTIFY RELATIVES OF ALL USG EMPLOYEES LISTED ABOVE.
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